



**OUR MISSION:** Connecting Seniors with Christ



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:30am & 11:am

# Lifelines

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*Matt Malott*

It was a good service on Sunday. We had a good attendance and we enjoyed warm fellowship with one another.

Carolyn White sang as a special number the song "Right Before My Eyes" a powerful song about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Thank you, Carolyn, for reminding us of this foundational truth.

The resurrection of Jesus was a major theme of the preaching of the Gospel in the early days of the church. The book of Acts, which is a history of the beginning of the church mentions the resurrection at least 11 times. Witnessing the resurrection was a requirement for the replacement of Judas as an Apostle (Acts 1:22). On the day the church began, Peter included the resurrection of Jesus in his sermon (Acts 2:31). In the Temple the Apostles proclaimed the resurrection (Acts 4:2). In a summary of the activity of the church, Acts 4:33 reports that the Apostles were giving testimony of the resurrection. When the Apostle Paul was in Athens, he astounded the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers by preaching "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18). And on it goes. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important? Paul explained it to the church in Corinth when he said "...and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins." (I Cor. 15:17)

I can't say that the preaching of the resurrection has the same place of importance in the church of the 21st century as it did in the first century. We talk about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter, but beyond that it seems to me to get little mention. I place myself among the most guilty. I looked back for a few years in sermons I have preached, and I must admit the resurrection has not dominated my preaching like it did the Apostles.

Why is this? Why is something that was so dominant in the preaching of the first century not dominant anymore? One reason is that I believe the church does not explain the significance of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead as well as it should. For many, it is no more than a happy conclusion to a tragic story. But the resurrection is far more than that. It is the pivotal event in the redemptive work of Jesus. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, Satan and death would still reign because, you see, death is the penalty for sin and if Christ did not rise from the dead, that means the penalty has not been paid. We still owe the sin debt of death. But there is good news. That is what the word gospel means, good news. And the good news that Paul gave to the Corinthian church was, "But now Christ has been raised from the dead..." (I Corinthians 15:20). No wonder the resurrection of Jesus from the dead dominated the preaching of the early church. There couldn't be any better news than that.

Thanks again, Carolyn, for reminding us of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.



**Offering July 7, 2024**

Offering	\$ 26,417
July To Date	\$ 26,417
July Budget	\$ 77,288

**Worship Attendance**

First Service:	269
Second Service:	170
Total:	439

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Mike Thomas

Hey folks,

I want to make you aware of two events we are having at our church this month. I am so thrilled that we will have the Julian Bond Trio on Sunday night, July 21st at 6:30. You will not want to miss this concert. Julian is an extremely talented piano player, composer, arranger, and conductor. Julian has played and written for Broadway stars, and a ton of stars such as Wayne Newton. He has played on almost every big stage in America. Don Sanderson and Charlie Silva round out the trio. Both Don and Charlie have also played with some of the greatest Broadway and mega stars in America.



The thing I appreciate about them is that they are believers and love playing for God. This is a concert you do not want to miss. Please invite your friends and neighbors. This is a free concert that starts at 6:30 p.m.

There is another event I want to make you aware of. We will be having an event called W.O.W. on July 24th. W.O.W. stands for Worship Choir One-Day Workshop. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, or would just like to come sing, we want you to be a part of this event. We will be having a special guest, Rick Melvern. We will learn one of the songs he sings with the New Life worship choir. When we are done rehearsing it, we will record it and load it up on Social Media. This is also a free event.

Come and have some fun and learn some things about worship that we learn in the New Life worship choir.

You can learn more by contacting me at [mike@nlchristian.org](mailto:mike@nlchristian.org)

We are hoping to have a signup sheet on our website soon. The website is [www.nlchristian.org](http://www.nlchristian.org)

Blessings, *Mike*

**WORSHIP CHOIR ONE-DAY WORKSHOP**

JULY 24TH WEDNESDAY

Presented by New Life Christian Church  
Sing with Rick Melvern

**Open to All Singers**

6:00pm-7:30pm

For More Information and to sign up visit [www.nlchristian.org/wow](http://www.nlchristian.org/wow)



### Social Group takes Boat Ride

Charlene Gilham's social group had an outing at Sumter Landing recently. They took a boat tour, followed by ice cream at Haagen Dazs.

Social groups meet monthly for six months, then re-sign up and become part of a different group to meet more ladies. If you have any questions, contact Charlene Gilham.

This group consisted of (from left): Debi Carlson, Jenifer Savoca, Pat Charleton, Charlene Gilham, Suzan Poukish, Serena Brown, and Jackie Vales.



Don Sanderson, Julian Bond, Charlie Silva

The **Julian Bond Trio** will be giving a concert at New Life on **Sunday night, July 21st at 6:30 pm**. This group is made up of world-class musicians that are in high demand. You won't want to miss it. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a free concert. A love offering will be taken.



Music director, Mike Thomas printed out sixty music books for the choir to use for the Christmas Concert.

They had to be printed out because the books were out of print and no longer available.

Jill Johnson spent hours assembling them into book form using a binding machine. A lot of work goes into the Christmas



There is a photobomber in every crowd!!

**Prayer Requests**

- Michelle Brantley**, cancer surgery recovery
- Cindy Costolo**, heart valve issues
- Kathy Kaminski**, car accident, very bruised
- Larry Moore**, passed away. Prayer for family
- Marshall & Carolyn Picken**, son in hospice
- Janifer Savoca**, tests
- Patty Smith**, upcoming back surgery & pain

**Ongoing Prayer Requests**

- Gary Bedson**, amputation healing
- Michelle Brantley**, cancer
- Ray Brown**, Parkinson's
- Gaye Cahoon**, continuing health issues
- Steve Crawford**, Parkinson's
- Kiley Daniels LeMaster**, cancer
- Catherine Daugherty**, chemotherapy
- Chuck Galloway**, pulmonary fibrosis
- Al Ivers**, ongoing health issues
- Fran Philips**, Memory care
- Jack Turner**, esophageal cancer
- Janie Williams**, cancer treatments
- Our Prodigal children**




Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thess. 5:16-18



Catherine Daugherty

Last Wednesday around noon we heard activity at our front door. Lo and behold, ladies from the New Life prayer and card ministry were busy wrapping a *Visual Prayer Chain* around the front porch. The *Visual Prayer Chain* idea came from Rhett Morales who had participated in such an activity some years ago with a friend in Atlanta. Rhett says, "God put it on my heart for you, so our New Life Prayer and Card Ministry got busy. We cut the strips of construction paper and took them to the Ladies Bible Study, Men's Breakfast Group, Choir, Sisters of Faith, Office and randomly handed them out before both services on Sundays.

Lots of folks like little  ants running around!" I am not sure how many hundred pieces of paper were given out, but the prayer chain is massive. Thank you everyone who joined in to make this happen. Your prayers and your love are so appreciated!



### FAME Medical Supplies

Fred and Molly Plantz left New Life Monday afternoon to deliver a trailer full of medical equipment to FAME in Indiana. There are organizations in the area, like other churches, American Legion, etc., who help by collecting medical supplies and Fred & Molly gather them all for transport to FAME headquarters.

This is a 34 foot trailer and it is full! Fred and Molly last made the trip to FAME in April, so in three months, this is how much has been collected. Matt was right. The Villages is a great place to collect medical supplies!



What a joy to feel well enough for a visit from Matt and Connie recently. We waited patiently for that time we could enjoy each other's company and we sure did! Lee got in the act of visiting but was the picture taker! Spending time with them refreshed my soul!

### Bible Studies



**Sunday** - Co-ed study, 11 am Fellowship Center, led by Jeff Buford. Everyone welcome!

**Tuesday** - Men's study, Book of James, 8:30 am. Fellowship Center, led by Chuck Costolo. No signup needed.

**Wednesday** - Women's study, When We Pray, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Center. Led by Sharon Acton and Serena Brown.



Thank you for all the food you brought Sunday for Caring Hands Food Ministry!



Friendly greeters were at each door to take tickets.



Our great tech people were on the job as usual.



Good thing we have a large foyer!



Mike, who brought the Liberty Voices to NLCC, introduced them to the packed house.



We had totally sold out the concert a week before.



The Liberty Voices!



Cutting up with a Humdinger



Men stood during the armed forces medley.



The Humdingers Barbershop quartet



The Liberty Voices sang Happy Birthday to Connie.

## Women's Wednesday Bible Study

The women participating in the Wednesday's Bible Study "When You Pray" heard a lesson from Jennifer Rothschild this past week on the prayer of Lament. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> week of this 7-week study where they have learned about several types of prayers provided in the Bible. For this lesson, Psalm 13, was the focus of how David used this lament as a prelude of praise to the Lord for his unfailing love.

This session was very powerful and unexpected as it tugged on the hearts of many of the women there when Jennifer shared a personal story. It was a time when she had much pain and sorrow. As she noted, when your heart is breaking, your soul is aching, you're feeling forsaken, or your core is shaken, that is when you walk the path of lament. This is where God will reveal His character to us.

During the trial that Jennifer went through, a friend had prayed over her in which she asked God to provide Jennifer with a New Song. Well, God did provide Jennifer with a New Song and she sang it with so much emotion. I'm sure there wasn't a dry eye in the room. The words are on the poster in the photo.

Our wish for anyone going through their own trials is for you to "Sing a New Song." As Jennifer stated as she closed her session, "Walking the path of Lament, will prevent Soul Cement."

